

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF BIGGS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNTY OF BUTTE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

February 11, 2014

Call To Order

The regular council meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Frith. Vice Mayor Sheppard was present. Council Members Thompson arrived at 6:00 p.m. and Council Member Arnold arrived at 6:25 p.m. Council Member Busch was absent. Staff present: City Administrator Mark Sorensen, City Attorney Greg Einhorn, City Planner Scott Friend, City Engineer Brian Martin and City Clerk Roben Dewsnap.

2. GENERAL PLAN WORKSHOP:

City Planner Scott Friend presented the General Plan Update to council and asked for their input. He recommended coming back next month with another study session to review the EIR and to make any suggested changes to the General Plan Update.

Mr. Friend informed council that the General Plan could be changed up to four times a year. The plan includes seven mandatory elements.

He stated LAFCo's concern with this document was that it did not specifically address Agricultural Conversion Mitigation. Mr. Friend suggested adding language specific to this issue.

RECESS: 6:05 p.m.

RESUME REGULAR SESSION: 6:30 p.m.

1. COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION:

Jeff Harnish, representing a property owner in Biggs, stated he would like council to consider negotiating with his client for the past due amount owed to the City. Mayor Frith suggested he contact City Hall.

Mayor Frith stated the Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency was scheduled to give a presentation to Council tonight and this item had been omitted from the agenda by mistake.

SUTTER BUTTE FLOOD CONTROL AGENCY PRESENTATION:

Mike Inamine and Michael Basset of SBFCA gave council a brief update on the Feather River West Levee Project.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. Approval of Council Minutes for Regular Meeting of January 14, 2014.
- B. Approval of warrants: #8461- 8471; Z00977 - Z00995, and 27607 - 27674 for the month of January 2014 in the amount of \$362,245.21.
- C. Acknowledge receipt of Gridley-Biggs Police Department Report for January 2014.
- D. Acknowledge receipt of Biggs Fire Department Report - Recap of 2013 Fire Department response activity.
- E. Acknowledge receipt of Accountant's Compilation Report for the months of November and December 2013, Recap of Discretionary Funds Committed Vs. Uncommitted Funds as of December 30, 2013, and Funds with Restricted Uses as of December 30, 2013.
- F. Approve second reading of Ordinance No. 400, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIGGS AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF TITLE 14, ZONING OF THE BIGGS MUNICIPAL CODE ACCORDING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES OF THE 2009-2014 HOUSING ELEMENT OF THE BIGGS GENERAL PLAN AND STATE LAW."

- G. Approve second reading of Ordinance No. 401, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BIGGS CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE BIGGS MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 14, ZONING; ADDING A DEFINITION TO CHAPTER 14.10, DEFINITIONS; AND MODIFYING REGULATIONS RELATING TO ACCESSORY STRUCTURES IN SECTION 14.60.010, ACCESSORY BUILDINGS – DETACHED."

Motion/Second to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. (Arnold/Thompson, MCU; Absent: Busch)

4. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- A. Planning / Code Enforcement: Mr. Friend reviewed the Activity Report for January 2013 / February 2014.
- B. Engineering: City Engineer Brian Martin reviewed the Project Activity Report – January / February 2014 which included the Sixth Street Bridge Replacement project and the Waste Water Treatment Plant project.

- C. Public Safety. Mayor Frith noted Dean Price was the new police chief.

Chief Price reported arrests in the City of Biggs were back down to average.

Fire Captain Todd Tindill reported Chief Mike Brown had retired and Chief Russ Fowler would fill the position in the interim until a new chief was officially hired.

- D. Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency (SBFCA). No report.

- E. Pubic Works. No report.

- F. Electric. No report.

- G. BCAG. No report.

- H. Air Quality. No report.

- I. Solid Waste. No report.

- J. Mosquito Abatement. Vice Mayor Sheppard reported the dead bird hot line would be funded this year and Butte County Mosquito Vector Control was preparing for the upcoming mosquito season.

- K. Other commission reports. No report.

- M. City Administrator.

1. City Attorney Recruitment Update.

Mr. Sorensen reported a committee met to review the RFP's received for attorney services. The committee included Mr. Sorensen, Mr. Einhorn, Vice Mayor Sheppard and Council member Thompson. The recommendation was to either rebid with more specific requirements or retain the services of the current city attorney.

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Mayor Frith suggested the committee meet with Mr. Einhorn again and come back next meeting with a recommendation to either rebid the RFP or retain Mr. Einhorn.

2. Fire Department Grant Match Request Change.

Mr. Sorensen stated council had previously approved Resolution 2013-29 approving the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Grant Agreement under the concept of using the proceeds for personal protective gear, but would like to instead direct the proceeds toward the purchase of water valves and nozzles.

Motion/Second to confirm the approval of Resolution 2013-29.
(Thompson/Sheppard, MCU; Absent: Busch)

3. Authorization to Replace Two Light Trucks.

Mr. Sorensen stated council was asked to consider authorizing the sale of two trucks and to purchase two replacement light trucks. He would consider the Department of General Services of California for purchasing the vehicles. The current budget was \$40,000.

Motion/Second to authorize the City Administrator to purchase two trucks at the best source at \$40,000, or augment slightly as needed, and advertise for sale, through proper sale practices, the two non-functional vehicles. (Frith/Arnold, MCU; Absent: Busch)

4. Council Correspondence Regarding Biggs-Gridley Memorial Hospital Name Change.

Mr. Sorensen presented a draft letter addressed to the hospital and Mayor Frith read the letter aloud.

Motion/Second to accept the letter as written and authorized the City Administrator to send the letter to the hospital board. (Arnold/Sheppard, MCU; Absent: Busch)


5. **INFORMATIONAL:** None

6. **CLOSED SESSION:** Council adjourned to closed session at 7:47 p.m. for conference with real property negotiators.

7. **RESUME REGULAR SESSION:** Council resumed regular session at 8:40 p.m. with no announcement.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:** The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

ATTEST:


Roben Dewsnap, CITY CLERK

APPROVED:


Roger L. Frith, MAYOR